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Power of the Supreme Court.

The tremendous power of the United States Supreme court is illustrated in a very impressive manner by the decision in the income tax case. The Supreme court can make the work of congress, and by a bare majority declare a law null and void. The authority that it exercises is superior to that of both the legislative and executive branches of the government. There is no appeal from its decisions, and no way to modify them. They are final and absolute, and all other agencies in our political system are bound by them.

In England, when a measure is passed by Parliament, it becomes the law and takes effect immediately, without assent or hindrance on the part of the sovereign or judiciary. The law-making power is supreme there, and the only function of the courts is to enforce its decrees. Generally throughout Europe, with the exception of Russia and Turkey, there is no judicial tribunal to pass on the validity of the laws. Even in Switzerland, with its democratic form of government, the only power to invalidate legislation is vested in the people, through the referendum; the Federal Assembly, or Congress, can impose any tax, and its action cannot be revised otherwise than by a popular vote demanded by 400,000 citizens in a population of 4,000,000.

It is well known that the founders of our government established the Supreme court after careful deliberation, and for a purpose of vital importance. Our written Constitution makes such a tribunal indispensable; there must be some authority to set the questions affecting the structure and operations of the government, or it would go to pieces in the clash of controversy, and more than once we have thus been saved from serious danger.

The Supreme court has not always made just decisions, as its own reversals go to show; but the country has always had confidence in its ability and integrity, and its authority has been profoundly respected. The power to crush laws passed by the representatives of the people may seem to be inconsistent with the theory of republicanism, but in fact, the Supreme court stands between the people and all attempted invasions of their rights. It is their bulwark against arbitrary and unauthorized legislation. The Constitution is in its keeping, and it is relied upon to prevent intrusions or perversions of that instrument by those who are intrusted from time to time with the duties and responsibilities of law making.

It is unfortunate that the bill to prevent "shyster" lawyers from bringing suit against municipalities, (the proceeds of which are to be shared equally with the plaintiff,) should have failed to become a law at the last session of the legislature. These itinerant lawyers, whose clientage is so small as to afford them but meager support, solicit the patronage of irresponsible parties when a municipality is the defendant, but would not dare, for reasons best known to themselves, bring suit against a private individual on the same flimsy pretext. Such action on the part of an attorney is the more reprehensible when he is the paid legal adviser of the municipality against which he brings suit, and whose interests he is bound to serve.

There is no occasion for alarm because Dr. O'Reilly, an army surgeon, accompanied President Cleveland to Chicago, on the occasion of the funeral of Secretary Gresham. Dr. O'Reilly is paid by the government to look after the physical condition of the men in the army; but no sooner does Grover have an attack of indigestion that the government physician is summoned to dance attendance on him. If perchance, the men whom he is paid to attend require the services of a physician, they can get one at their own expense.

Mrs. Nellie W. Pope of Detroit, charged as an accessory to the murder of her husband, Dr. Pope, by William Bruneau, has been convicted, and sentenced to the Jackson prison for life. The trial is one of the most remarkable that has ever been held in this state. The character of the woman, the relations of the murdered man and the murderer, and the whole circumstances of the case, give it rank as a cause célèbre.

Cleveland has been at his old trick of writing letters, in one of which he refers to the democratic party as the "party of the people." Grover manifests an easy forgetfulness of the last election returns.

A number of prominent democrats have expressed their intention of voting the republican ticket. Democrats who expect to make the loss good from republican ranks should furnish the name of one who has intimated that the next national republican platform will not be good enough for him.

President Cleveland has appointed Attorney-General Olney Secretary of State, vice Gresham, deceased. Mr. Olney has accepted the portfolio. A new attorney general has not yet been named.

Secretary Carlisle is now trying to "flicker out" how much his money addresses in the south helped the republicans. Wait until the returns are in, Uriah, and you'll be surprised.

According to reports from Kentucky there are three democratic parties in that state. It will be difficult after the next November elections to gather up enough fragments for one.

Last year at this time gold was going out of this country in streams. This year the outward flow stopped in February, and the inward movement has already commenced.

FIELD DAY SPORTS.

ALMA ATHLETES HAVE A VERY ENJOYABLE TIME.

Reception at the "Dorm" Saturday Evening.

Field day in Alma this year was a decided success, notwithstanding the exceedingly warm weather.

Tennis was the attraction Friday morning. In the "mixed doubles" Paul Brooks and Miss Mills carried off the honors. Paul Brooks won the "gentleman's singles," and Paul Brooks and Kendall were declared winners of the "gentleman's doubles."

The events Friday afternoon were on the race track. Below we give the order of events and names of contestants and winners:

100 yard dash—Jardine. Scott first, time, 10 1/10; Scott second, 10 3/10; Brooks and Frye good third and fourth.

1 mile run—Brook and Stevens, scratch; Diving and VanDyne, 75 yards. VanDyne first, time, 5 15/25; Stevens a good second.

1 mile bicycle race—Brooks and Brooks, scratch; Watson, 60 yards. Brooks first, time, 12 2/5; Watson a close second, and Brooks not far behind. Watson lost his peddle on the last quarter, losing quite a little time.

220 feet—Scott, scratch; Frye, 4 yards. VanDyne and Perry did not start. Scott first, time, 21.

Throwing the hammer—Hawke and Fullerton. Hawke won; distance, 61 ft. 9 in.

440 yard run—VanDyne scratch; McGraw 8 yards. Brooks, Bruske, Watson and Stryker withdraw. VanDyne first, time, 60 seconds; McGraw a fair second.

2 mile bicycle race—Bruske scratch. Brooks, 25 yards; Watson withdraw. Bruske won, time, 0:25; Brooks dropped out at the 1 1/2 mile; Bruske made a good run on the last 1/2 mile; time, 6 minutes, 27 seconds.

The team race was declared off. Considering the many disadvantages, the strong wind and extreme heat, the time made in each event was good. A capsule act as starter, Wm. Bardick, referee; time keepers, Messrs. Church, Kneibert and Fraker; judges, Messrs. Sutherland and Clark.

The jumping contests and pole vault occurred on the campus Saturday morning. The first event was the running hop, skip and jump. Johnson and Scott contestants. Johnson won first honors, his record being 57 feet, 10 inches; Scott at 37 feet, 2 inches. In the standing broad jump Long and Scott were contestants. Long made a record of 9 feet, 4 inches, and Scott's feet, 9 inches. Stevens and Brooks were the contestants in the running high jump. Stevens came out ahead, with a record of 5 feet, 2 inches. Brooks 4 ft. 11 in. In the standing long, skip and jump, Long made 27 feet, and Scott 26 feet, 9 inches. Scott won the running broad jump, making a record of 18 feet, 6 inches; Johnson second, 17 feet, 5 inches. For the standing high jump there were two contestants, Long and Brooks. Long was declared winner; distance, 4 feet, 1 in. Brooks 3 ft. 9 in. The pole vault was the last event of the forenoon. Perry, Chase and Brooks were entered for this contest. Perry made a record of 7 feet, 6 inches; Brooks 6 feet, Chase 4 feet, 6 inches.

The ball game occurred Saturday afternoon between the St. Louis club and the college nine. The game was won by St. Louis, the score standing 17 to 7. There is much to be said in extenuation for the college boys. Two of the men who played with the St. Louis team are professionals: pitcher, Kinch of Mt. Pleasant, and the catcher, Angell of Ithaca. The umpire, too, was from Ithaca. Palmer by name, whose services, it is said, were secured for the munificent sum of \$1.00. Palmer's de-

cisions were very unfair to the college boys, and when Kinch, the St. Louis pitcher, was playing, the umpire would help him by signals. This aroused the ire of the college boys, and Palmer was asked to step out, and Fred Avery unseated the rest of the game.

In the evening a reception was tendered the visitors by the young ladies in the "Dorm." After an instrumental society Miss Gertrude Whiting, Kendall Brooks, president of the athletic association, presented the prizes to the successful contestants. The reception closed with a vocal solo by A. J. Von Page.

On the whole the field events have been a great success. Better records were made on the average than ever before, although the participants were nearly worn out by severe training on short time.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

School will be closed Friday (today) to allow the teachers to attend the county teachers' institute in Perrinton. Misses Otis, Burns, Stevens, Chase and McLaren read papers at the institute.

The high school field day events occur in the afternoon of June 20, and all day June 21. The events will take place in Church's park, and are as follows: 100 yards race, bicycle, running jump, standing jump, high jump, putting shot, egg race, between four young ladies and four young gentlemen; sack race, three-legged race, tug of war, high school vs. seventh and eighth grades, swimming race, diving race, boat race, (ladies) moccas, hurdle race, relay race, one mile relay race. The events promise to be of unusual interest.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

Four new bicycles are now seen about the campus.

Kendall Brooks, Jr., made a business trip to Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Charles L. Jones of Holly visited his cousin, S. L. Divine, and attended Field day.

Miss Beatrice McClure was called to Swan Creek Monday, by the illness of her sister.

H. B. Siegfried, captain of the foot ball eleven, left for Pennsylvania Monday evening.

Prof. A. W. Beckner took part in a musical entertainment in Kalkaska last Friday evening.

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parture.

Have we a kick coming? Oh, no!

We did all that on the "dollar ninety" pitcher last Saturday. That's all. Suffice it to say, the boys are practicing harder than ever. Watch out for them.

The veterans' reception in Ladies' hall Saturday evening was a grand success. A program consisting of vocal and instrumental music was given, and W. T. Bardick spoke of the first field day of Alma, and urged the boys to more faithfulness in training. Following this was the awarding of prizes, which are very neat and useful. Taking it all through, this year's field day eclipses all previous efforts.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

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